

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On September 23, 2009, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), the State agency that owns and operates Maryland's toll facilities, proposed tolling parameters for the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200. The first segment of the roadway between I-370 and MD 97 is expected to open in Fall 2010. The roadway from MD 97 to I-95 is expected to open in late 2011/early 2012.

The proposed tolling parameters set the mileage-rate range, peak and off-peak hours, rounding rule, and minimum toll for the ICC/MD 200.

Once the parameters are approved, the actual toll rates are set by the MDTA's Executive Secretary. The tolls can be adjusted periodically within the approved parameters to manage congestion and meet revenue needs.

To compute the toll for a specific trip, the per-mile toll rate for the vehicle class for the pricing period is multiplied by the trip distance or three miles, whichever is greater, and then rounded up to the nearest nickel.

Proposed Tolling Parameters FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

* Proposed ICC Mileage Rate Range:

Vehicle Class	2-Axle Per Mile	3-Axle Per Mile	4-Axle Per Mile	5-Axle Per Mile	6+-Axle Per Mile
Peak	\$0.25 to \$0.35	\$0.75 to \$1.05	\$1.13 to \$1.58	\$1.50 to \$2.10	\$1.88 to \$2.63
Off-Peak	\$0.20 to \$0.30	\$0.60 to \$0.90	\$0.90 to \$1.35	\$1.20 to \$1.80	\$1.50 to \$2.25

* **Pricing Periods:** The proposed peak periods are Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All other times are considered off-peak. These times may be varied by up to 60 minutes earlier and later and adjusted once the roadway opens and travel patterns can be assessed.

* **Rounding Rule:** A trip's toll is rounded up to the nearest nickel.

* **Minimum Toll:** The minimum toll is three miles multiplied by the applicable mileage rate. Any trip taken less than three miles is charged the minimum toll.

Additional Information:

ICC tolls will be collected electronically using *E-ZPass*®; there will be no cash toll collection. Traveling the ICC without a valid *E-ZPass* account will result in a Notice of Toll Due being sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The notice will include the charge for the toll, plus a \$3 service fee for each transaction, the same policy in effect at the MDTA's other toll facilities. The vehicle-class factors are the same as those in effect at the MDTA's other toll facilities.

Public Comments:

Members of the public may submit comments for the official record by 5 p.m. on November 23, 2009, by visiting www.iccproject.com or by writing to: ICC Project Office, Attn: ICC Tolls, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Suite 200, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Public Meetings:

Two informational **public open houses** are planned for:

October 19, 2009, 6 - 9 p.m.

High Point High School Cafeteria
3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD

October 21, 2009, 6 - 9 p.m.

John F. Kennedy High School Cafeteria
1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD

The public may arrive any time between 6 and 9 p.m. to view displays and to speak with staff. No formal presentations will be made. Information presented at the open houses will be available at www.iccproject.com.

Two **public hearings** will be held by the MDTA Board to receive verbal testimony for the proposed tolling parameters:

October 28, 2009, 6 - 9 p.m.

High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD

October 29, 2009, 6 - 9 p.m.

Shady Grove Middle School
8100 Midcounty Highway, Gaithersburg, MD

The MDTA plans to consider the matter for final action at its monthly public meeting on December 17, 2009, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the State Highway Administration's District 3 Office, 9300 Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt, MD.